

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-13 and 26 were rejected as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 2-4 and 8-9 would be allowable if amended to overcome the §101 rejections and if rewritten to incorporate the features of claim 1.

Although applicant does not agree with the rejections under section 101, applicant nevertheless has amended the independent claims to recite "fixing in place or adjusting a relative position of the first and second components with respect to one another depending on whether the components were determined to be properly positioned with respect to one another." Thus, the subject matter as a whole of each claim pending for examination recites a tangible result. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

In addition, claims 2-4 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the features of claim 1 and, therefore, should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 8 and 9 previously were rewritten in independent form to incorporate the features of claim 1. Claim 8 has been amended to avoid the impression that some steps must be performed twice. Claim 8, as well as claim 9, should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 5-6, 10-13 and 26 depend from one or more of claims 2, 3 and 4. Therefore, the dependent claims should be allowed at least for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as

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an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

The amount of \$430 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 in payment for extra claims and multiple dependent claims. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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